Hampstead - March 28. 1816.

My dear Byron,

As I am sending to your neighbourhood upon a little unexpected piece of business, I have taken the opportunity of thanking you for your theatrical card, & of apologizing for not having done so before; but I have been in the hope of calling on you day after day, & shall do myself that pleasure, if you are disengaged on Monday or Tuesday next. I return you, with thanks, the dissertation of Dugald Stuart; & Mr. Rhodes's books would have accompanied them, had not a friend asked me to lend them to him. I have kept them back accordingly, in expectation, as you see, that you would let me do so, & now ask your permission to that effect. The bearer will wait for your answer Yes or No, as it happens to suit your convenience, for you need not trouble yourself to write, if at all engaged. If you could tell that you are well in health, you would much gratify

Your obliged & affectionate friend Leigh Hunt